

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 939

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Grace Gore upon being crowned Miss Tennessee 2007.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative young lady is Grace Gore, who was crowned Miss Tennessee 2007; the Miss Tennessee competition is the pageant that selects the representative for the State of Tennessee in the Miss America pageant; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gore is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, from which she received a Bachelor of Science degree in communicative disorders; she is currently a second-year doctoral student of audiology at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, evincing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Grace Gore is the official spokesperson for both the Governor's Safe and Drug Free Tennessee Program and for an anti-tobacco campaign, in which roles she will travel to schools across the State promoting healthy lifestyles and talking to students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol; she is also an ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network and is working with five participating Tennessee hospitals assisting with various fundraisers to ensure proper medical care for Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, as the founder and President of Graceful Sounds, Inc., this exceptionally dedicated young lady assiduously works to provide necessary hearing aids and audiology services to children with hearing loss and to ensure that all children have access to the healing benefits of music therapy in Tennessee's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, she has organized several programs to raise money and awareness for the causes in which she so strongly believes, including working with the Ear Foundation to promote her Graceful Sounds charity, distributing free hearing protection devices at Nashville Super Speedway car races, and collecting survey data about public perceptions of loudness; and

WHEREAS, Grace has provided awareness and intervention of early hearing loss by performing auditory brainstem testing in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital and working in hearing screening programs Nashville metro area Head Start centers; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gore's parents, Jay and Darlene Gore, are deeply proud of this remarkable young lady and her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in her limited spare time, Miss Gore enjoys snow and water skiing, traveling, and taking pleasure in life's simple things, such as drinking coffee with her parents on the back porch swing; and

WHEREAS, Grace Gore has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievements and community outreach to pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Grace Gore upon her coronation as Miss Tennessee 2007, applaud her gracious reign as Tennessee's representation to the world, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.